



Waganakising Odawak

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

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Executive Veto of the Education Department statute, Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department statute, and Department of the Repatriation, Archives, and Records statute as passed by Council on March 18, 2012.

I am Vetoing WOS - Education Department, WOS Gijigowi Anishnaabemowin Language Department, and WOS Department of Repatriation, Archives and Records. Currently there is no measurement of Cultural Proficiency. The Executive would like the Statutes to remove the language for Cultural Proficiency and change it to Cultural Awareness.----- Cultural Awareness, communicating from a range of cultures is a Integral part of a job; How do we build Cultural Awareness? We discover when we have a need; Cultural Awareness are stages of development; and Cultural Awareness is the ability to look outside of ourselves and be aware of Cultural Values.

Also each Statute requires a Department Director and has Tribal Council realized the amount of funding it would take to provide Three (3) Directors and realize we could be providing more services to Tribal Citizens. A couple of other issues is that the Education Department is tasked with infusing spirituality into programs and activities. I believe that all Odawak people may have different teachings of spirituality as I read it under the Preamble of our Constitution to respect the individuality of all our members and their Spiritual beliefs and practices.

and; all Three (3) Statutes that Council has rescinded and replaces " Gijigowi Bibskaabiimi " under the word " Staffing" has **IF APPROPRIATE**; what does this mean?

Prepared and signed April 18, 2012


Dexter McNamara, Tribal Chairman

**WAGANAKISING ODAWAK STATUTE
GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT**

SECTION I. PURPOSE

This Statute is hereby enacted to establish the Anishinaabemowin Department for promoting and revitalizing Anishinaabemowin. This Statute is in honor of Gijigowi, Victor Simon Kishigo, for his dedication and work to revitalize Anishinaabe Culture and Anishinaabemowin. This statute rescinds and replaces “Gijigowi Bibskaabiimi” WOS 2010-008.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

- A. **“Anishinaabemowin”** means the language spoken by the Odawa people in accordance with the Constitution, Article III(B).
- B. **“Cultural”** means aspects of the Odawa history, spirituality, traditions, arts, values and mannerisms.
- C. **“Cultural Proficiency”** means the knowledge, skills, and attitudes/beliefs that enable a person to work well with, respond effectively to, and be supportive of the Odawa Citizens and Community.
- D. **“Department”** means the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department.
- E. **“Tribe” or “LTBB”** means the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

SECTION III. CREATION OF THE GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN DEPARTMENT

- A. Pursuant to Article VII (D) (22) of the Tribal Constitution the Tribal Council shall have

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the power to: “Approve the creation or dissolution of Executive divisions or departments to promote and protect the peace, health, safety, education, and general welfare, including but not limited to cultural and natural resources, of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and its members”.

B. The Tribal Council hereby approves the creation of the Anishinaabemowin Department titled “Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department” within the Executive Branch of government and shall be overseen by the Language Department Director.

SECTION IV. AUTHORITY AND DUTIES

A. The Department shall have the following duties:

1. Shall promote the preservation and revitalization of Anishinaabemowin and Anishinaabe culture.
2. Shall be responsible for administering all funds and grants to the Tribe related to Anishinaabemowin.
3. Shall be tasked with developing Anishinaabemowin resources, including curriculum, training aids, video and audio products.
4. Shall provide Anishinaabemowin educational programs.
5. Shall be responsible for adopting a common method of spelling.
6. Shall be responsible for assisting all LTBB governmental entities and enterprises with formal Anishinaabek names or requests.

SECTION V. STAFFING

A. If appropriate, the Department shall begin operations with currently employed LTBB staff as designated by the Executive.

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- B. All research, academic, and work products produced by the Department shall belong to the Tribe and be considered public documents.
- C. Credits may be given for program and/or individual contributions to materials produced by the Department.
- D. Copies may be used in educational promotion of Anishinaabemowin; all copies shall include all original credits.
- E. Copy for profit shall be prohibited.
- F. Only persons working towards or have obtained fluency in Anishinaabemowin and possess Cultural Proficiency shall be eligible for hire in this Department with the exception of hiring persons that provide technical expertise outside of Anishinaabemowin.

SECTION VI. REGULATIONS REQUIRED

Any regulations shall be developed by the Executive Branch and presented to Tribal Council for approval in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act.

SECTION VII. APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED

The Tribe has established an Anishinaabemowin Language Program within the Gijigowi Bibskaabiimi Department. Upon the enactment of this Statute, the language program funds will be moved under the Language Department along with any additional supplemental funds necessary to meet the obligations of this Statute; and the Executive shall present Tribal Council with future annual budgets necessary to implement this statute.

SECTION VIII. REPEAL

Any Statute, Resolution or Regulation, or portion therein, that is in conflict with this Statute is repealed upon the effective date of this Statute.

SECTION IX. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase or portion of this Statute is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION X. EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective upon signature of the Executive or 30 days from Tribal Council approval whichever comes first or if the Executive vetoes the legislation, then upon Tribal Council override of the veto AND the passage of Waganakising Odawak Statute Education Department and Waganakising Odawak Statute Department of the Repatriation, Archives and Records.

CERTIFICATION

As the Tribal Council Legislative Leader and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Statute was duly passed by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held on March 18, 2012 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Belinda Bardwell	X			
Bill A. Denemy	X			
Kevin Gasco	X			
John Keshick	X			
Aaron Otto		X		
Winnay Wemigwase	X			
John Bott	X			
Regina Gasco Bentley	X			
Melvin L. Kiogima		X		

Date: 3/18/12 _____
 Legislative Leader Melvin L. Kiogima /

Date: 3-18-12 _____
 Regina Gasco Bentley, Secretary

Received by the Executive Office on 3-19-12 by _____

Pursuant to Article VII, Section D, Subsection 1 of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution adopted on February 1, 2005 the Executive concurs in this action of the Tribal Council.

Date: 4-18-12 _____
 Dexter McNamee, Tribal Chairperson

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